भूतपूर्व प्रधानमंत्री और उनके परिवार के सदस्यों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए तैनात एस.पी.जी. को वहां से हटा लिया गया है और इसे अब पूर्णतः वर्तमान प्रधान मंत्री और उनके परिवार की सुरक्षा पर तैनात किया गया है ।

(ख) प्रधान मंत्री ने इच्छा व्यक्त की थी कि श्री राजीव गांधी की पर्याप्त सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जाए, तदनुसार ही अतिरिक्त सुरक्षा उपलब्ध कराई गई । इस मद पर होने वाला कुल वार्षिक व्यय लगभग एक करोड़ रुपए है ।

(ग) जी नहीं, श्रीमान ।

National Seminar on autonomy for Doordarshan

973. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Seminar on autonomy for Doordarshan was held in February, 1990 to coincide with International Documentary Film Festival and;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the discussions held and what is the outcome?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The International Documentary Film Festival was held at Bombay during 1--7 March, 1990 and not in February, 1990. A seminar on Prasar Bharati Bill was conducted at Bombay on 2nd March, 1990 under the anspices of Indian Documentary Procedure Assoiation. Their recommendations are yet to be received by the Government. As and when they are receiced, they would be considered alongwith all other suggestions received on the Prasar Bharati Bill.

Inclusion of Nepali language in Eighth Schedule of Constitution

974. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any petition/memorandum regarding the Constitutional recognition of Nepali language from any quarter; and

(b) if so, what is the stand of Government in respect of the demand of inclusion of Nepali Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The consistent stand of the Government is that inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule would create other repercussions and reactions. However, it is the endeavour of the Government to develop the literary and Cultural heritage of all languages irrespective of their inclusion in the Eighth Schedule. At presnt there is no change in the policy.

Transport facilities to handicapped persons

975. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities in regard to transport and other concessions provided to handicapped persons by the D.T.C. and other State Roadways; and

(b) what is the procedure by which they can avail of such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Delhi Transport Corporation provides free travel facility to the handicapped persons on all city and sub-urban routes within the Union Territory of Delhi except in Indira Gandhi International Airport Coach and Tourist Services. D.T.C. is also giving 50 per cent concession in fares to an attendant accompanying a blind person.

According to the information received the State Road Transport in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu Govt. have extended free or concessional travel facility to the handicapped including blind persons in the buses.

(b) Handicapped persons in Delhi are required to get identity card, certtfying the disability, issued in their favour by the District Magistrate, Delhi. On the production of such identity card, a free travel pass is issued to the handicapped persons by the DTC Pass Office. As regards other State Roadways the procedure is laid down by the respective Managements and differ from State to State.

Telephone Exchange in Kottayam in Kerala

976. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ettumanur telephone exchange in Kottayam district of Kerala has been developed recently;

(b) whether S.T.D. facility is likely to be extended to this exchange and whether it is a fact that STD cable is passing through Ettumanur;

(c) What is the present capacity of the exchange and the number of applicants in the waiting list; and

(d) by when this exchange is likely to come under STD network and reasons for delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (c) No Sir, not yet completed. The present capacity of the exchange is 480 lines. The number of applicants on the waiting list is 481.

(b) and (d) STD facility is planned for this exchange during 8th plan period and it is a fact that cable is passing without dropping facility. Automatisation of the exchange and availability of stable transmission media are pre-requisite for the provision of the STD facility. Hence there is no delay.

Movies telecast/to be telecast on T.V.

977. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam movies shown on Doordarshanin 1989; and

(b) which are the Tamil, Malayalam and Telugu movies scheduled or selected to be shown in 1990 in Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) During 1989, 71 Hindi, 7 Telugu, 8 Tamil and 8 Malayalam feature films were telecast on the national network.